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Awareness programmes on crop insurance across the state

NAMSAL, Apr 5: A day long Farmers' Fair cum awareness programme on Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna (PMFBY) was organised at Town hall, Namsai by Krishi Vigyan Kendra (Lohit, Namsai), Momong, under ICAR-NRC on Yak, Dirang on Monday.

Speaking in the function, MP Arunachal East, Ninong Ering discussed elaborately on the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and emphasised on organic cultivation of Horticulture and Agriculture crops.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mehn called on the farmers present to take advantage from the KVK and take keen interest in agri-related sectors to overcome the dependence on others.

Parliamentary Secretary, Tax and Excise, Chow Zingnu Namchoom suggested the farmers to be serious with the crop insurance to overcome losses from natural calamities.

DC Namsai R.K. Sharma emphasised on soil testing and to have Soil Health Card.

More than 300 farmers and delegates participated in the programme from the different villages of the district. Government officials from Agriculture and allied departments also attended the programme.

Earlier, Programme Co-ordinator incharge, Dr. Debasish Sasamal released the crop calendar and news letter of KVK, while leaflets on various aspects of agriculture were distributed. A total of 20 Soil Health Cards were also given out in the programme.

PMFBY shall provide security to the farmers:
Hage Khoda



Earlier, Dr. Taba Heli, Programme Co-ordinator, KVK, Papum Pare informed that all the 110 SHGs and 39 Farmer Clubs of Sagalee area has been brought under the single umbrella of Farmers' Federation of Sagalee which is a registered body.

The day ended with distribution of new variety of paddy seeds and eggs of Vanraja birds to the participating farmers.

At Ziro, the awareness programme on Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana was held at Abotani Hall, Hapoli on Tuesday by KVK Yachuli.

Attending the programme, Ziro MLA Tage Taki appealed the bankers and insurance agencies to consider local farming conditions, so that farmers can easily avail insurance scheme. Citing the example of vegetable growers of Ziro, where farm land owned by a farmer might not meet the requirement of farming area as per the Bima Yojana, due to land scarcity in Ziro, he requested the bankers and the insurance agencies to consider alternatives as proposed by the locals.

MLA Taki also called for more scientific interventions from KVK and ICAR to increase crop production throughout the year. Requesting the DAO to include power tillers, oil ex-

programme on Monday at KVK campus Sangti to sensitize the farmers regarding Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, to create awareness on different agricultural schemes, benefits of soil health cards, production of organic inputs, water use efficiency and various live demonstrations on different technologies related to farming.

Speaking in the occasion, ADC Dirang, Dagbom Riba lauded the recent efforts of the local farmers to adopt organic farming. He also encouraged the farmers to take full advantage of the PMFBY.

Anchor Chairperson Dirang, Langens urged the farmers to get the soil of their fields tested at the KVK through latest technology for efficient utilization of organic resources for improving soil fertility and productivity.

Thembang ZPM, Jam Tsering called on the farmers to avail maximum benefit from the KVK for new technologies of farming system particularly integrated with paddy cultivation.

Senior Scientist and Head, KVK West Kameng, Dr. N.D.Singh highlighted the role of KVKs in implementation of different government agricultural schemes for availing maximum benefit of farming and improving livelihood